

Charlotte's Quest & the Town of Manchester

Amateur PHOTO CONTEST

2017 Contest is Now Open for Entries

Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2017

Entry Fee: \$10.00 to benefit Nature Center Educational Programs



Capture and share the beauty of Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, Pine Valley Park and the Town of Manchester. The Contest is designed to encourage people to discover the natural beauty of this "green" area of Carroll County. We hope that photographers will discover park trails and scenic views as well as activities and programs through photography. Our desire is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the outdoors and the charm in the Town of Manchester.

We hope that photography brings you to the Park and the Town of Manchester multiple times.

Categories

1. Scenic Views & Landscapes

Capture the views and scenery of the Nature Center, surrounding Parks and the Town of Manchester. Share a view of the landscape or a different angle such as: a fog-filled forest, fall colors, a snow-covered view, an interesting building, etc.

2. Wild Flora

Submit a photo of native and wild growing plants, fungi or trees. Flowers, leaves, fruits and seeds are accepted as well.

3. Wild Fauna

Includes insects, mammals, birds, reptiles, etc.

4. Town & Nature Center Events

Spring Fest, Easter Egg Adventure, Plant Exchange, Firemen's Carnival, Town of Manchester Night Out, Black Friday, Halloween Parade, Gas Engine Show and other Town events



Contest Rules

Entry Period and Fees

Photos must be submitted by September 30, 2017. Entry forms can be found on our website, at the North Carroll Library and the Town Office.

Fee: \$10.00 per contestant

Enter as many categories as you like, but only up to 2 photos per category. Edit your work and submit only your very best photos. Photos must be printed in a 5x7 format with an official entry form and mailed to The Manchester Parks Foundation or dropped off in person at the Town of Manchester Office. All photos become property of Charlotte's Quest Nature Center.

Why a fee?

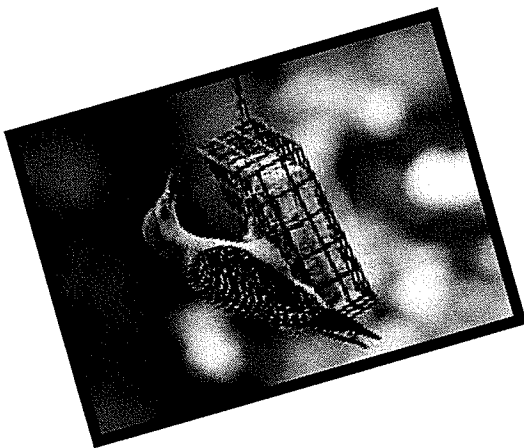
Operated as a non-profit, volunteer managed organization, your gift helps us to continue the mission of conservation at CQNC. Like most photography competitions, it has expenses. Your entry fee is a tax deductible gift, less any prizes. *We all benefit.*

Rules:

1. Photos must be taken at CQNC, Pine Valley Park or in the Town of Manchester and is for amateur photographers.
2. Photos must be submitted as a 5 x 7 print photo.
3. No personal information, signatures, frames, or text are permitted on the image.
4. Photographers should respect volunteers, visitors, and the wild flora and fauna of the Park. Do not harass, disrupt, or harm the Park or Town or its visitors and staff in any way for the sake of a photograph.
5. Limit editing to basic contrast, sharpening, and cropping. Intense post processing such as HDR, multiple exposures and art filters are not appropriate at this time. This includes images taken with "in camera" processing such as HDR, grainy, and pin hole, etc. Please do not submit overly processed photos.
6. Photos that infringe upon another's copyright are not eligible and will be disqualified.
7. Entries that violate the rules will be disqualified without refund.

Prizes

- The judges will select a winner and runner-up for each category. In addition Honorable Mentions will be given to deserving photographs.
- The winner for each category will receive \$100.00 and runner-up will receive \$50.00
- There will be a Staff Favorite chosen by Manchester Parks Foundation board of directors with a \$50.00 prize.
- Award-winning photos and Staff Favorite will be displayed in an exhibit at the Town of Manchester Office. Photos may be cropped to fit standard 5x7 framing.



Respect for Photography, Photographers, and Photographs

Photography is a time honored and unique art form. Only you can take your photograph. By entering a photo you allow CQNC to use your image to promote its mission and programs. That promotion takes place in various print and on-line locations, such as CQNC website, our newsletter Nature Calls, and the Town of Manchester website. Photographers retain all rights and proper credit line will be used when and if your photo is used. We appreciate the talents of the photographers who visit.



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Official Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Label each photo with a number on the back and include category info below:

Photo #1 _____

Photo #2 _____

Photo #3 _____

Photo #4 _____

Photo #5 _____

Photo #6 _____

Photo #7 _____

Photo #8 _____

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Make checks payable to: The Manchester Parks Foundation
Box 864
Manchester, MD 21102

Or drop off at Manchester Town Office during normal business hours.